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Fact Sheet, October 2006

Draft Amendment to Final Remedial Action Plan for Oakland Army Base

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on the draft *Amendment to Final Remedial Action Plan, Oakland Army Base, Oakland, California for Former Parcel 18 and Subparcels 19 and 21, Oakland United States Army Reserve Center #2* (RAP Amendment) for former Parcel 18 and Subparcels 19 and 21 at the former Oakland Army Base in Oakland, California.

DTSC approved the original Remedial Action Plan (RAP) on September 27, 2002 for the former Oakland Army Base. However, the 2002 RAP did not include Parcel 18 and Subparcels 19 and 21. The parcels were a part of the former Oakland Army Base until 1997. The United States Army Reserve is the current property owner. Figure 1 of this fact sheet shows the site location and adjacent areas.

DTSC encourages you to review and comment on the draft RAP Amendment, which is available at the information repositories listed on page 3 of this fact sheet.

This fact sheet will inform you about:

- Location and Background
- Site Investigations
- Potential Health Risk
- Purpose of the RAP Amendment
- Proposed Remedy
- California Environmental Quality Act
- Next Steps

Public Comment Period October 23 to November 21, 2006

Written comments must be postmarked or e-mailed no later than November 21, 2006. Please send your comments to Mr. Henry Wong, DTSC Remedial Project Manager, at 700 Heinz Avenue, Suite 200, Berkeley, CA 94710-2721 or hwong@dtsc.ca.gov.

Public Meeting

You are invited to a public meeting on the draft RAP Amendment. DTSC will provide information, answer questions, and listen to your comments.

Thursday, November 9, 2006, 6:30 p.m.
West Oakland Multipurpose Senior Center
1724 Adeline Street, 2nd Floor, Oakland, California

If you need reasonable accommodations, please contact Kris Escarda at (916)255-6683, kescarda@dtsc.ca.gov, or toll-free at (866) 495-565.



Location and Background

Most of the former Oakland Army Base was originally tidal flats or shallow open water. During the early 1900's, the area was filled to create the land subsequently acquired by the Army in 1941. The former Oakland Army Base is located in the industrial section of West Oakland, south of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge landing. The Army used the former base as a cargo port and warehousing facility.

Parcel 18 and Subparcels 19 and 21 consist of approximately 6.76 acres within the former Oakland Army Base. The Army reassigned the parcels to the Army Reserve in 1997 and 1998. Historical uses of the parcels included a chlorinator for drinking water, a medical clinic, barracks, mess halls, recreation areas, and open areas. Over the past ten years, the Army Reserve used the parcels for a mental health rehabilitation clinic (Building 762), administrative offices for the Veterans Administration and the Army Reserve (Building 780), and recreation. There are two buildings, two tennis courts, and open areas at the parcels.

Site Investigations

The Army and the Army Reserve conducted environmental investigations, underground

storage tank (UST) removals, preliminary assessment, and visual inspections at Parcel 18 and Subparcels 19 and 21 since the early 1990's. Areas where chemicals may have impacted soil or groundwater include the former x-ray photo processing laboratory in Building 762, lead-affected shallow soils adjacent to existing or demolished buildings, sampling of soil and groundwater near the grease trap near the southeastern portion of Building 780, soil and groundwater investigations as part of former UST closures, and storm drains and sanitary sewers. Based on the review of available data and site information, the soil and groundwater at Parcel 18 and Subparcels 19 and 21 do not exceed the cleanup goals established in the 2002 RAP for industrial/commercial land use.

Potential Health Risk

The proposed remedy for Parcel 18 and Subparcels 19 and 21 is institutional controls, which will be in the form of a land use covenant. All current and successive property owners are required to comply with an implementation and enforcement plan to ensure long-term effectiveness of the remedy. The covenant will include the following:

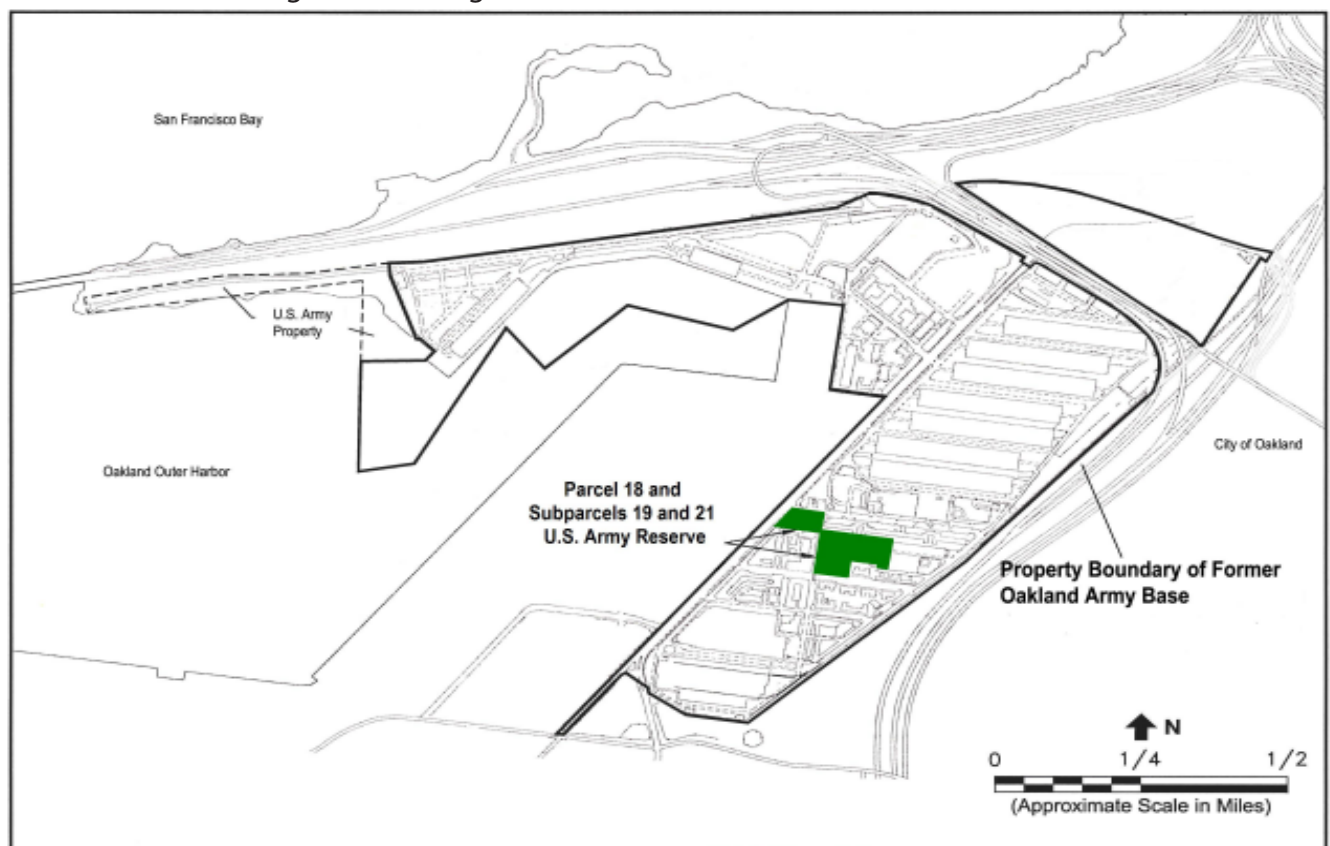


Figure 1: The former Oakland Army Base including Parcel 18 and Subparcels 19 and 21 from U.S. Army Reserve property.

1. Sensitive land uses are prohibited, including, but not limited to, residential housing, schools, day-care facilities, hospitals, and hospices. Reuse of the site's soil outside of the site boundary is permitted only with written approval of DTSC.

2. Extraction of groundwater from new and/or existing wells for any purpose needs written approval from DTSC. Construction dewatering activities are subject to all applicable requirements, including those of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, for disposing of water.

California Environmental Quality Act

In its capacity as a Responsible Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC will rely upon the *Final Environmental Impact Report for the Oakland Army Base Area Redevelopment Plan* (EIR), dated July 2002, prepared by the City of Oakland (SCH #2001082058). The EIR analyzed the remedies in the 2002 RAP and evaluated remedies including institutional controls. The RAP Amendment for Parcel 18 and Subparcels 19 and 21 proposes the same institutional controls evaluated in the EIR.

DTSC considered the EIR and the environmental effects of the proposed remedy, and determined that the EIR prepared by the City of Oakland adequately describes the environmental effects of the draft RAP Amendment. DTSC determined that impacts from the draft RAP Amendment will not have a significant adverse effect on human health or the environment. DTSC will file a Notice of Determination with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research upon project approval consistent with CEQA. A copy of the EIR is available for review at the information repositories.

Next Steps

You have the opportunity to review and comment on the draft RAP Amendment. The 30-day public comment period begins on October 23, 2006 and ends on November 21, 2006. During this time, you can review the draft RAP Amendment and send us your questions and comments about the proposed remedy.

DTSC invites you to a public meeting on Thursday, November 9, 2006, 6:30 p.m., at the West Oakland Multipurpose Senior Center, 1724 Adeline Street, 2nd Floor, Oakland, California. We will discuss the information in the draft RAP Amendment and listen to verbal comments.

Mailed comments must be postmarked no later than November 21, 2006. E-mailed comments should be sent by 5:00 p.m. on that same date to:

Henry Wong, Remedial Project Manager
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DTSC will consider all comments received during the comment period before making a final decision on approving, amending, or denying the RAP Amendment. DTSC will send a "Responsiveness Summary" to those who submit comments.

Information Repositories

The draft RAP Amendment and EIR are available for review at the following locations:

Oakland Main Library (510) 238-3134
125 14th Street, Oakland, CA 94612
Mon., Tues., Sat. 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Wed. and Thurs. 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., Friday 12:00 noon to 5:30 p.m., Sunday 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

West Oakland Public Library (510) 238-7352
1801 Adeline Street, Oakland, CA 94607
Monday 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Sat. 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Friday 12:00 noon to 5:30 p.m.

The full Administrative Record is located at: DTSC File Room, 700 Heinz Avenue, Suite 200 Berkeley, California 94710-2721
Please call (510) 540-3800 for an appointment. Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The draft RAP Amendment is also available at: www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=71000002&cmd=community_involvement

For More Information

Questions about the RAP Amendment:

Henry Wong, Remedial Project Manager
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Questions about public participation:

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Anuncio

Si prefiere hablar con alguien en español acerca de ésta información, favor de llamar a Jesus Cruz, Departamento de Control de Substancias Tóxicas. El número de teléfono es (866) 495-5651.

COMMENT FORM

Please send us your comments on the draft *Amendment to Final Remedial Action Plan, Oakland Army Base, Oakland, California for Former Parcel 18 and Subparcels 19 and 21, Oakland United States Army Reserve Center #2*. Please include your name and address if you wish to receive a copy of the written Responsiveness Summary when the Final Remedial Action Plan Amendment is issued. Also, please provide your name and address if you would like to be added to or removed from the mailing list.

Send your comments to Mr. Henry Wong, Remedial Project Manager, DTSC, 700 Heinz Avenue, Suite 200, Berkeley, CA 94710-2721. Comments must be **postmarked by November 21, 2006**.

ARE YOU ON DTSC's MAILING LIST?

- ☐ Please add me to the Oakland Army Base/Oakland United States Army Reserve Center #2 mailing list.
☐ Please take me off the Oakland Army Base/Oakland United States Army Reserve Center #2 mailing list.

Note: While the mailing list is solely for DTSC to keep you informed of our activities, the list is considered a public record and, if requested, may be subject to release.

Please print name and address clearly.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone (optional): _____ E-mail (optional): _____

Comments (please feel free to use additional pages): _____

Notice to Individuals with Hearing Impairments

You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service: 1-888-877-5378. Ask them to contact Kristine Escarda regarding Oakland Army Base/ Oakland United States Army Reserve Center #2.